There is a nuclear non-proliferation precedent. Moscow did refuse to give unsafeguarded heavy water to India.

India is however, seen here as the only non-nuclear country and certainly the only developing country that may already have crossed the threshold and acquired the ballistic missile capability. Experts here believe that India may not have yet developed a worthwhile guidance package that could give its missiles a dependable accuracy. India may, therefore, need further outside help and the western powers wants to stop that.

A guidance system, by its very definition guides a missile to its target. It is believed that the guidance system mounted on the U.S. missile comprised 19,000 small and large components. Even if it were to be assumed that India has the capability to convert its peaceful satellite rocket into an intermediate range ballistic missile, the western powers can still play a lot of mischief in putting hurdles in India's way.

Apart from India, a number of other countries (Israel, Egypt, Syria, Argentina, Brazil, Korea and Pakistan) are seen to be moving towards acquiring a ballistic missile capability. Pakistan has not started yet. Brazil received help from China and has made substantial progress. Israel received help from France. Argentian was helped by Italy and West Germany. Some of these countries have already acquired missiles but have not developed any credible capability to make missiles.

Though the United States and its allies will make a determined effort to impede India's progress in acquiring missile-related technologies, knowledgeable sources here believe that Americans will ultimately have to accept India as missile making power because India has already advanced too far ahead in this field. Americans may persuade India to join the seven-nation agreement and to give an undertaking that it will not export its missile technology to other countries—China has already acquired not only a well advanced nuclear weapons system but also a credible nuclear delivery system.

It was soon after the Indian nuclear test that the U.S. and its allies formed the suppliers group to prevent export of nuclear materials and equipment going to the unsafeguarded facilities of non-nuclear countries like India. The strict export controls imposed by the nuclear supplies group impeded the progress of India's peaceful nuclear power development programme. Now that India has succeeded in launching its own satellites, developing its own rockets and rocket fuel, western countries are getting active again to prevent India from acquiring what China has acquired and developed a long time ago.

आदरणीय उपसभापति महोदया, यह हिन्दुस्तान की जो तकनीकी केपेबिल्टी बढ़ रही है इसके रास्ते में दुनियां के जो विकसित राष्ट्र हैं, वे एक होने की कोशिश कर रहे हैं। ऐसी हालत में हमारे देश की सरकार को इस गंभीरता से विचार करना चाहिए और विश्व ग्लोबन प्रोस्पेटिव को मद्दे नजर रखते हुए राष्ट की टेकनिकल क्षमता को विकसित राष्ट्रों के बराबर करने की पूरी कोशिश अपने बल पर कर करनी चाहिए।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Shri Ram Naresh Kushawaha. Absent. Shri M. M. Jacob.

ANNOUNCEMENT RE. GOVERNMENT BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK COMMENCING MONDAY, THE 4TH MAY, 1987

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): Madam, with your permis-

[Shri M. M. Jacob]

sion I rise to announce that the Government Business in this House during the week commencing Monday, the 4th May, 1987, will consist of:—

1. Consideration and return of the Appropriation (No. 3) Bill, 1987 as passed by Lok Sabha.

2. Further consideration and passing of the payment of Gratuity (Amendment) Bill, 1987.

3. Consideration and passing of:

(a) The Merchant Shipping (Amendment) Bill, 1987, as passed by Lok Sabha.

(b) The Factories (Amendment) Bill, 1987 as passed by Lok Sabha.

(c) The Parsi Marriage and Divorce (Amendment) Bill, 1987.

4. Consideration and return of the Finance Bill, 1987, as passed by Lok Sabha.

Discussion on the Working of the Ministry of Defence—contd.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI (Maharashtra): Madam Deputy Chairman, at the outset I shall fail in my duty if I do not salute the brave men and officers of all the three wings of our Defence forces. At the same time I would also compliment the scientists and other workers who are working in the Research and Development Department for Ordnance factories and in the public sector undertakings, under the Ministry of Defence for the good work they have done in the year 1985-86. Madam, I am very much pained when I saw in this House in the last ten days, when our country is threatened, when the integrity and unity of our country is threatened, allegations being made which have no foundation, which are not based on facts. Our Prime Minister has two assets: (1) a clean image—he wants to wipe out corruption from different spheres of activity; (2) he wants to wipe out the tears of the poor people by implementing programmes which will benefit poorer sections of this country. Our integrity and unity is challenged. Pakistan is given massive aid by USA and other countries. Never in the history of Pakistan were arms given to it, was aid given to it, at the rate at which it is being done now. Pakistan is bent upon taking revenge for all the past three wars when Pakistan was humiliated by this country. USA is interested in weakening this country for the reason that this country wants to stand on its own legs. In regard to our foreign policy, our Defence policy, this country has decided it will do whatever it feels correct, in the interests of the world, in the interests of this country. That is the reason why they do not like a strong India and that is why they are encouraging Pakistan. I would go to this extent and say, I feel very strongly, that Pakistan is interested in humiliating our country, America and other countries do not want that India should be strong, this war is to be waged against India and Pakistan is going to be a proxy of America. I strongly feel it that way. Weapons which are being given to Pakistan by America can be used only against India and not against Afghanistan. Previously they were giving arms in the name of fighting China. Now China-Pakistan and America have become one axis. The late Shri V. K. Krishna Menon used to say no one has still invented a gun which can be fired only in one direction. A gun can be fired in any direction. If America had given such guns which could have been fired against only Afghanistan, I could have understood. But no such gun is invented in the world so far. The late Shri Krishna Menon also said that there are no permanent friends or no permanent enemies; only our national interests are permanent. At present we have to see on those lines. That is why I request my friends on the Opposition not to fall a prey to the machinations of America and other countries. If you want to tarnish the image of